

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of species on the Louisiana Bird Records Committee (LBRC) Review List. The LBRC recommends the use of this form or a similar format when submitting records for review to assure that all pertinent information is accounted for. Attach additional pages or files as necessary. Please print or type for hard copy. For electronic copy, be sure to save this file to your computer before entering text. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed (if hard copy), mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216, or e-mail electronic copy as an attachment to Paul Edward Conover at <zoiseaux@lusfiber.net> .

1. English and Scientific names: Lesser Goldfinch
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):1
3. Parish: Calcasieu
Specific Locality: 2834 Addison loop, Lake Charles, La 70607
4. Date(s) when observed: 1/22/24
5. Time(s) of day when observed:Noon

6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Kirsten Livingston
City: Lake Charles
State: La

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): Jack Rogers later in the day

8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):

9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):overcast

10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon D750 with 200 to 500 mm lens

11. Distance to bird(s):25 feet

12. Duration of observation: several minutes

13. Habitat:

Back yard garden

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

Feeding

15. Description (include only what was actually seen, *not what "should" have been seen*; include if possible: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species; body bulk, shape, proportions; bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species, *or for species that are known to hybridize frequently, stress features that help eliminate possible hybrids*):

16. Voice: no vocals

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Feeding with American Goldfinch

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): photos attached

19. Previous experience with this species:

No previous experience

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

Other birders

a. at time of observation:

I knew it looked different than the American Goldfinches and suspected Lesser Goldfinch

b. after observation: I consulted Merlin app and asked other birders

21. This description is written from:

<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made during the observation.	Are notes attached?	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	notes made after the observation.	At what date?	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	memory
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<input type="checkbox"/>	study of images
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22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain:

Yes

23. Date: January 22, 2024

Time: 5:25

24. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page? ___yes_____

If yes, may we include your name with the report? ___yes_____



